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From: Lindsey Giostra

Sent: Monday, April 2, 2018 4:56 PM

To: Lindsey Giostra

Subject: RE: ICYMI: Cambodia's Politically-Motivated voter Registration

Hi, apologies for the double email, but I wanted to clarify that we are sending this out on behalf of the Cambodia National Rescue Movement.

From: Lindsey Giostra

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Hi,

As international outcry grows around the Cambodia government's authoritarian actions, I wanted to make sure you saw this story from VOA reporting that thousands of soldiers marched into Cambodia's northern Siem Reap province during their 70-day voter registration period in 2017 to inflate the voters rolls in a region that had increasingly supported the opposition party, Cambodia National Rescue Party (CNRP), in recent elections. The investigation found that "multiple communes in northern Siem Reap saw large spikes in voter registration, far exceeding the national average, that cannot be explained by any known settlement patterns."

You can read the story here: https://www.voacambodia.com/a/ready-aim-vote-cambodia/4323603.html

The story makes the case that this is a defensive move to retain the appearance of electoral legitimacy in the July election. Recently, the international community, including the <u>US</u>, <u>EU</u> and <u>UN</u> have expressed deep concerns about the deterioration of democracy in Cambodia and urged the government to reinstate the CNRP to ensure free and fair elections this summer.

If you're interested in covering this at all, leaders with the CNRP are available to comment.

Thanks, Lindsey

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